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Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal Address to: MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	09/853552
	Filing Date	May 11, 2001
	First Named Inventor	Gina S. Butuc
	Art Unit	1713
	Examiner Name	Mulcahy, Peter
	Attorney Docket No.	42133-00009USP1

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i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

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a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(l) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

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b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 770.00 enclosed

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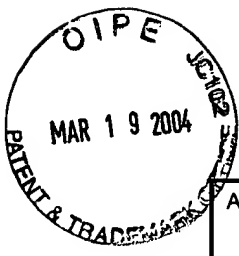
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Please consider the above-identified U.S. patent application in view of the following remarks.

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